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**RESPONSE TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2002  
ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

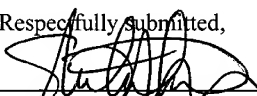
Dear Examiner Smith:

Applicants respond to the **18 September 2002 Election/restriction Requirement** as follows:

1. Applicants traverse the Election/restriction Requirement as it pertains to Groups I, V and VI. The compositions of Group I and methods of Groups V and VI are related in that the methods are based on the use of the compositions of Group I. Any search directed at the compositions would of necessity relate equally well to the methods based on those compositions. Thus, Applicants do not understand how restricting these groups would speed examination and not result in duplication of effort. Applicant, therefore, respectfully request modification of the Election/restriction Requirement to combine Groups I, V and VI into a single group.
2. Applicants do not traverse the other restriction requirements.
3. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-24, for substantive examination at this time. Applicants elect species A and subspecies A.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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